Cess on diesel

2914. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are levying a Cess of one rupee on every litre of diesel and 50 per cent of this Cess is utilised for development of rural roads including tribal areas; and

(b) if so, how much Cess has so far been collected and how much has been spent on rural roads with details of rural roads constructed in Andhra Pradesh and in rest of the Country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) As per the Central Road Fund Act, 2000,50% of the Cess on High Speed Diesel Oil is to be utilised for the development of the rural roads.

(b) The Cess on High Speed Diesel collected in the last three years is as follows:

(Rs. in crores)

Item	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02* (April-Nov)
Additional Customs duty on HSD (Rs. *1/ltr on HSD)*	662	68	2 2631
Additonal Central Excise on HSD *(Rs. 1/ltron HSD)*	3716	3964	
TOTAL	4378	4032	2633

*Figures for the period April-November, 2001 only are readily available.

Upto February, 2003, an amount of Rs. 3906.00 crore has been spent out of the Cess and 12761 rural road works have been completed by the States and Union Territories under the PMGSY. Upto February, 2003, an amount of Rs. 434.53 crore has been spent and 1606 rural road works completed in Andhra Pradesh under the PMGSY.